March 6, 2007

Mr. Walter Mugdan, Director Division of Environmental Planning and Protection U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 290 Broadway New York, NY 10007-1866

SUBJECT:

SHIELDALLOY METALLURGICAL CORPORATION'S DECOMMISSIONING

PLAN FOR NEWFIELD, NJ SITE

Dear Mr. Mugdan:

We would like to meet with your staff to discuss EPA's preliminary assessment of the Decommissioning Plan (DP) for the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (SMC) facility located in Newfield, NJ. This meeting is open to the public and, if possible, should be held at a government facility which is located in reasonable proximity to the SMC facility so that parties interested in the Shieldalloy DP may attend. Otherwise we will need to make meeting arrangements at a public facility.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NRC and EPA on the decommissioning and decontamination of contaminated sites requires the NRC to consult with EPA when certain MOU trigger criteria are met or exceeded. One such criterion is when a licensee for a particular site requests license termination under restricted release conditions (10 CFR 20.1403).

In that regard, SMC has made a request that its facility in Newfield have its license terminated under restricted release conditions. On June 30, 2006, SMC submitted Revision 1a of the Shieldalloy DP. This Plan was accepted by the NRC for a comprehensive technical review and is currently under review. Shieldalloy's DP proposes to incorporate the Long Term Control (LTC) option as a part of its implementation of the License Termination Rule (LTR). The LTC license option involves amending the existing "possession only" specific license for decommissioning to a "possession only" specific license for LTC. This option can only be invoked following the completion of remediation and after the LTR dose criteria have been met.

While the MOU provides for two levels of site-specific communication, Technical Consultation and Formal Consultation, this meeting will be focused on ensuring good agency to agency communication since neither of these situations exist yet. This meeting will allow us to appropriately incorporate EPA Region 2's comments in our technical evaluation of the DP.

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Please contact Ms. Rebecca Tadesse, Chief, Materials Decommissioning Branch of my staff to arrange a mutually convenient meeting date, time and location. Please be aware that such a public meeting would need to be announced at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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